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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE INFO BANKGOK PARIS PHNOM PENH
SAIGON MANILA JUL 13, 1974 REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5476

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SUFFERS POSSIBLE HEART ATTACK

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED BY PRINCE
MANGKHALA SOUVANNA PHOUMA THAT HIS FATHER HAS APPARENTLY
SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK OF UNESTABLISHED SERIOUSNESS IN
THE COURSE OF TODAY. THE PRIME MINISTER IS UNDER
INTENSIVE CARE AT HIS HOME WITH HIS FRENCH DOCTOR
AND FOUR LAO DOCTORS IN ATTENDANCE.

2. I WAS INFORMED THIS MORNING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER
WAS LOOKING VERY BADLY AND FEELING VERY WEAK BUT HE WAS
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RECEIVING VISITORS AND MET WITH A FRENCH BUSINESSMAN AND

THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AMONG OTHERS. I AM CURRENTLY PROCEEDING TO HIS RESIDENCE TO GET THE LATEST INFORMATION AND TO OFFER U.S. ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

3. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE LAO ARE TRYING TO KEEP THIS DEVELOPMENT QUIET AND NO ANNOUNCEMENT WHATSOEVER HAS YET BEEN MADE. IT APPEARS TO ME VERY UNLIKELY THAT THIS MATTER CAN BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL VERY LONG BUT IT SHOULD FOR THE MOMENT BE HANDLED DISCREETLY IN WASHINGTON.

4. FURTHER REPORT WILL FOLLOW AFTER I HAVE CALLED AT THE RESIDENCE.
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